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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA PROJECT



Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025.



The third project within the Improve I-70 Program kicked off with an official groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Grain Valley.

MoDOT, joined by federal, state and local elected officials, along with members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and its contractor team gathered near I-70 to break ground on Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa. **See the full photo album here** or scan the QR code.

"Today marks another exciting and historic milestone in MoDOT's efforts to Improve I-70 with the groundbreaking of the third Improve I-70 project," said Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Chairman Warren Erdman. "The Missouri General Assembly has provided us with a once in a generation opportunity to bring this transformative improvement to communities along I-70, the citizens of Missouri and those just traveling through."

Construction on this project began in September 2025, and completion is anticipated in late 2028. This project was awarded to the Design-Build contractor team the Radmacher-Ideker Joint Venture (Radmacher Brothers Excavating, Ideker, Inc., and Wilson & Company).



Members of the Design-Build contractor team were joined by MoDOT, federal, state, and local elected officials to break ground on the third Improve I-70 project.

BEYOND THE BARRELS: ST. CHARLES COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE EHLMANN

MoDOT's \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program is a massive undertaking made possible by Missouri's General Assembly and one that requires the coordination of thousands of people across multiple agencies. In this video series, MoDOT is showcasing the variety of people working to bring the expansion of I-70 to life.

This edition features lifelong St. Charles County resident, St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann. The County Executive has served in all three branches of government and has held his current role since 2007. Ehlmann's leadership, contributions to the county, and coordination with MoDOT have led to numerous successful infrastructure projects including the improvements in the Warrenton to Wentzville project segment. **Watch the video here** or scan the QR code.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING HELD FOR FORISTELL INTERCHANGE



Approximately 50 people attended to the Sept. 9 public information meeting in Foristell.

MoDOT and its Design-Build contractor team hosted a public information meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, regarding the design and construction phasing of the new I-70 and Route T/W interchange in Foristell. This interchange is included in the [Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville](#) project and features an interchange design called a Divergabout. This is a relatively new but proven successful design unique to the state of Missouri.

A Divergabout is a combination of a diverging diamond interchange (also known as a DDI) and a roundabout. Two Divergabouts have been constructed in the Kansas City area, one at Interstate 49 and 155th Street near Belton, and the other at U.S. Route 50 and MO Route 291 in Lee's Summit.

The existing interchange is a standard diamond configuration with stop controlled intersections at the ramps and outer roads. Built in the 1960s, the original interchange is outdated and cannot meet the capacity requirements for the area. [Watch the interchange overview video here](#) or scan the QR code.

Construction of this interchange is already underway. Motorists can expect various traffic impacts, including temporary route closures and detours as the project progresses through each phase of construction. Stay tuned for more construction phasing videos available on the project webpage.



Watch the Interchange Overview video by scanning the QR code.



COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY BEGINS WESTBOUND LANE RECONSTRUCTION



Westbound I-70 traffic between Callaway County Routes M (mile marker 144) and J (mile marker 137) has been shifted into the median while crews reconstruct the existing westbound lanes. The new lanes within the median will eventually serve as the third lane and inside shoulder of both eastbound and westbound I-70.

Crews with the [Columbia to Kingdom City project](#) have switched westbound I-70 traffic between Callaway County Routes M (mile marker 144) and J (mile marker 137) into what was formerly the I-70 median. Pavement within the median is new and will eventually serve as the left lanes and inside shoulders of both eastbound and westbound I-70.

Westbound I-70 traffic is shifted into this configuration while crews reconstruct the pavement of the existing westbound I-70 lanes in this area. Westbound I-70 lanes are narrowed to 10-feet and speeds are reduced to 55 mph.

Those traveling westbound can freely change lanes for the first four miles; however, they are unable to change lanes for the final three miles (mile marker 137-140). This configuration, narrowing, and speed reduction will be in place for several months.